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- 1. The reply brief filed April 27, 2001 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.
- 2. Receipt of the "Request for Oral Hearing" filed April 27, 2001 is acknowledged.

Respectfully submitted,

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